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Services in value added: concepts, measurements and impacts on policymaking

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Presentation outline

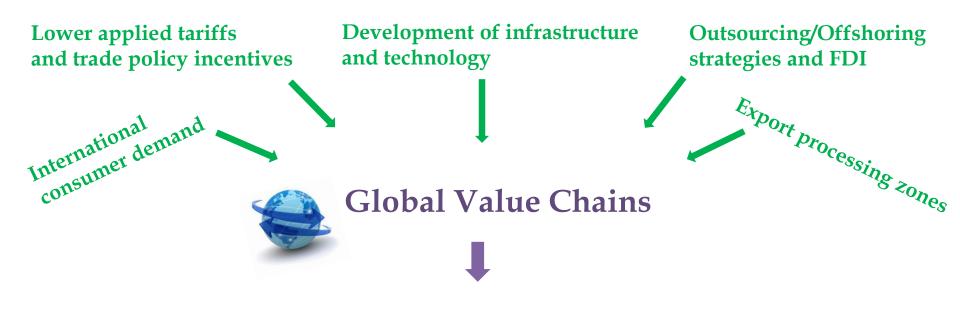
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THE CONCEPTS

Global Value Chains – What are they?

- A global value chain includes the full range of activities that firms do from the conception of a product to its end use by final consumers (Gereffi and Fernandez-Stark, 2011)
- Deepening specialization and international division of labour.
- Countries do not compete in products but in activities along the value chains.
- Products are "made in the world".

Global Value Chains – Implications



- Predominance of trade in intermediate goods and services
- Development of intra-firm trade
- Increase of processing trade

Implications on statistics

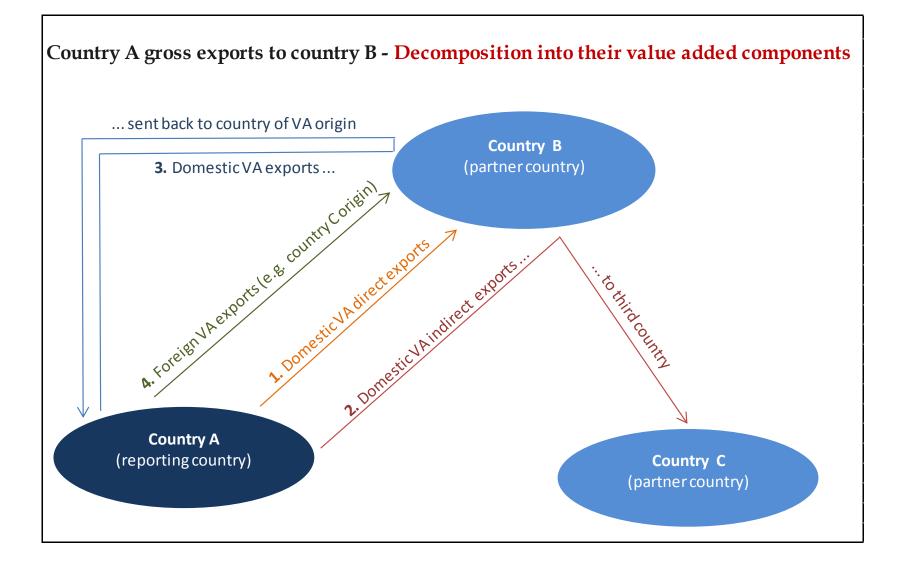
- Revision of international statistical concepts
- Need for new measures of international trade taking place within GVCs

Implications on policymaking

- Need for a new angle of trade analysis
- Need to adapt trade regulation to business reality

Trade in value added -

Where to find value added in gross trade flows ?



The roles of services in GVCs

- Services and goods are no longer two distinct entities:
 - Goods are produced with services inputs
 - Services are produced with manufacturing inputs
 - There is a value chain because activities are linked through services (transport, logistics, finance, distribution, etc.)
- There are also global value chains for the production of services themselves. Examples:
 - Banking services
 - Business services
 - Audiovisual services

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